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SUPERVISOR DE BRUIN RESPONDS TO POLITICS OF RACE, FEAR AND HATE

Milwaukee, WI – Some residents of the 15th Supervisory District have requested that Supervisor De Bruin provide written public comment on the recent statements made by County Board Chairman Lee Holloway regarding County Executive Scott Walker. Supervisor De Bruin was present when Chairman Holloway made his comments to the Finance & Audit Committee.

Supervisor De Bruin was also present at an incident that occurred on Tuesday at a local grocery store parking lot while she was loading groceries into her car. A man came up behind Supervisor De Bruin, and she turned to greet him. He pointed his finger in her face and stated: “I know you, you are Supervisor De Bruin. You must do exactly what Scott Walker wants and not what those blacks running the County Board want.” Supervisor De Bruin asked the individual what his name was. He responded, “I’m not going to tell you that” and ran away.

Sup. De Bruin issued the following statement in response to both incidents:

“Chairman Holloway’s comments regarding County Executive Walker were extreme and unfounded. Initially, many of us in attendance felt that ignoring the comments, just as the County Executive initially did, seemed to be the best response. Now, however, these comments are distracting the public from the real story of the day, the 2010 County Budget.

“As for the man who ran away and the other incidents recently reported, the politics of fear and hate are not appropriate for anyone to engage in, at any time, in any place. Whether during a Committee meeting, in a grocery store parking lot, at a rally, or in literature distributed with racial undertones, we are all better than this. We are way better than this.”

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